



# FAIRFIELD WEST

## Public School



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# Principal's Message

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to our vibrant and multicultural school, where student educational and developmental needs are central within all levels of the learning continuum. At Fairfield West Public School we are spurred to balance organisational effectiveness with new thinking and cultural creativity.

Our school enjoys an outstanding reputation in the broader community. This comes as a result of the delivery of future focused educational programs; progressive Information Communication Technology Programs built into all Key Learning Areas; dedicated and dynamic staff; enthusiastic students and a supportive community. All of these factors facilitate each student's development as a capable lifelong learner.

The school's supportive environment equips each child to function and succeed in a changing and challenging world. Our teachers are committed in preparing students for technological change and fostering school community commitment and morale. We cater for individual needs by providing extension or remediation as required, ensuring students are taking responsibility for their own learning and behaviour and build on the school's school rules; Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Good Learner.

Apart from the outstanding academic curriculum, Fairfield West Public School provides many valuable programs. An effective Student Representative Council operates, which makes significant contribution to the manner in which the school functions. A broad spectrum of outstanding sporting programs encourages students to participate while developing skills and enhancing teamwork. Our Community Languages Program offers students an opportunity to engage in language acquisition and cultural activities which further enriches their understanding of our multicultural school. The Creative Arts program is also exceptionally strong at our school including; a music program K-6 facilitated by a professional music teacher; dance and drama programs, where students engage in performances internally and externally. Other programs such as our 'clubs' session also focus on student welfare and personal development, as part of our commitment in the education of the whole child for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The first day of school can be a daunting experience, whether starting as a Kindergarten student, or as a student transferring from another school. We attempt to minimise any negative aspects of this transition by having programs in place to assist new students to familiarise themselves with their environment, make friends and optimise their time at school. Parents are encouraged to participate in the life of the school through formal meetings and parent workshops and activities provided by our Community Hub. We also actively encourage parents to help in the classroom and on the sporting field, as well as joining us at special celebrations and assemblies.

I trust you will find Fairfield West Public School a supportive and welcoming school, where the individual student's needs are our priority. I hope your association with Fairfield West Public School will be a long and happy one. Once again... a warm welcome!

Genelle Goldfinch  
Principal



# School Overview

Fairfield West Public School is a safe and pleasant setting where skilled staff work with respectful students. The student population is over 700 with a culture that is enriched by 90% of students coming from a language background other than English and 26% from refugee families. The school has a strong focus on academic achievement and prides itself on a positive learning environment.

All classes are equipped with interactive whiteboards and air conditioners. Other facilities include a modern air- conditioned hall with sophisticated sound and lighting; a fully equipped library; a well-run canteen, a basketball court; three covered learning areas and extensive grassed areas for students to enjoy.

Our purpose is to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment through facilitating engaging experiences and programs relevant to the individual needs of our students. Special emphasis is placed upon Literacy, Numeracy and Information Communication Technology. Students are supported in their learning through Support and Learning Assistance; English as a Second Language/Dialect; Intensive English New Arrivals programs and Gifted and Talented programs.

Our school provides several community language programs including Arabic, Assyrian and Vietnamese.

Our Support Unit, which consists of 7 classes, caters for students with special needs in an integrated nurturing environment.

Fairfield West Public School offers an extensive sports program, which includes the development of Fundamental Movement Skills and weekly participation in the Primary Schools Sports Association program. Our students also have the opportunity to be professionally coached in dance, swimming and tennis.



# Enrolment

We can help you with your enrolment enquiries anytime throughout the year.

Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31 July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

**If your child is currently enrolled in a NSW public school,** contact us to discuss the enrolment procedures and obtain the necessary paperwork.



**If your child is coming from a non-government school,** contact us to make an appointment to discuss your child's potential enrolment.

**If your child has a temporary visa or visitor visa,** you will first need to apply to enrol by contacting the temporary residents' program who will give you forms to bring to the school.

## Enrolment appointments

**If your child has not been previously enrolled in a NSW public school,** you will need to bring these documents with you:

- your child's birth certificate or identity documents
- proof of student's address - originals of different documents such as your council rates notice or residential lease and electricity bill
- Immunisation history statement based on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)
- family law or other relevant court orders (if applicable).

**If your child is not a permanent resident you will also need to provide:**

- passport or travel documents
- current visa and previous visas (if applicable).

**For children already enrolled in a NSW public school we only require:**

- proof of student's address - originals of different documents such as your council rates notice or residential lease and electricity bill
- family law or other relevant court orders (if applicable).

**It's important that you tell the principal if your child has any special circumstances, allergies, health or medical conditions, before your child starts school.**

You will be asked to complete an application to enrol in a NSW public school form and return it to us. We will notify you of the result of your application. Please note that this form must be completed in English.

## Term Dates for Students

	2020	2021
School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.		
<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday, 29 January to Thursday, 9 April	Thursday, 28 January to Thursday, 1 April
<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday, 28 April to Friday, 03 July	Monday, 19 April to Friday, 25 June
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday, 21 July to Friday, 25 September	Monday, 12 July to Friday, 17 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday, 12 October to Wednesday, 16 December	Tuesday, 5 October To Friday, 17 December



## Bell times

8.50am	Morning Lines
9.00am	Morning Session
11.10am	Recess
11.30am	Middle Session
1.30pm	Eating Time
1.40pm	Lunch
2.20pm	Afternoon Session
3.00pm	End of School Day



# Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased from the school's uniform shop located in the Community Cottage Monday- Friday 8.30am-10.00am and 2.30pm-3.15pm.

Our school uniform consists of:

## Summer:

- checked summer dress or
- yellow polo shirt with school crest and green culottes (girls)
- yellow polo shirt with school crest and green shorts (boys)
- white socks, black shoes, school cap

## Winter:

- yellow long sleeve polo shirt with school crest
- green track suit pants
- school jumper or jacket with school crest
- white socks, (or green stockings for girls), black shoes, school cap
- (optional) green beanie and scarf with school lettering

## Sport:

- Yellow printed sport t-shirt
- Green shorts
- White socks, sport shoes, school cap





Summer Uniform

Winter Uniform

## Accessories to the School Uniform



Baseball cap



Legionnaire cap



Beanie and scarf



Swim cap



Sport shirt



Rugby League  
shorts



Soccer shorts



Sport socks

## Uniform Price List (subject to variation)

Garment	Price	Garment	Price
Dress	\$45.00	Legionnaire cap	\$10.00
Short sleeve polo shirt	\$25.00	Baseball cap	\$15.00
Long sleeve polo shirt	\$27.00	Beanie and scarf (each)	\$10.00
Jumper	\$28.00	Sport shirt	\$21.00
Jacket	\$38.00	Sport shorts	\$20.00
Culottes (skorts)	\$25.00	Rugby League shorts	\$16.00
Boys' shorts	\$25.00	Soccer shorts	\$15.00
Track pants	\$25.00	Sport socks	\$10.00
Double knee track pants	\$25.00	Swim cap	\$9.00

## Lost Property

Lost property can be found displayed outside the office, on the kindergarten verandah.

**Please clearly label all of your child's personal belongings with their name and class.**



# Our School Rules

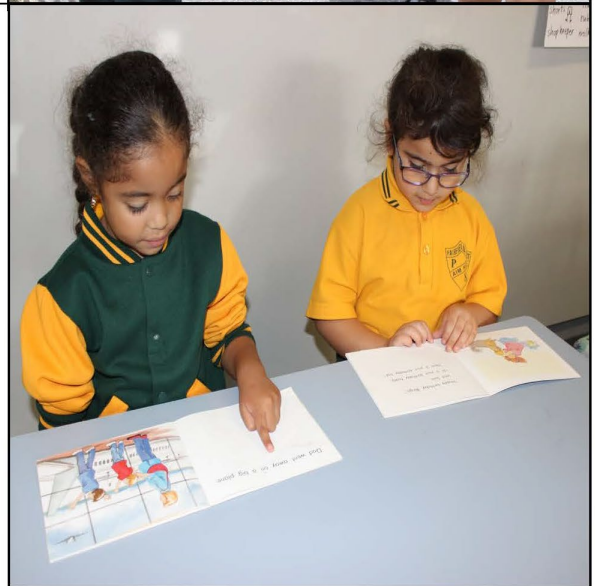
**Be Safe**



**Be Respectful**



**Be a Good Learner**



# Kindergarten Information

WELCOME! We hope the kindergarten year will be a happy and enjoyable experience for you and your child. Kindergarten is your child's first year at school. It is a year when school routines are established and your child explores, plays and makes friends.

The program we provide builds on your child's experiences at home. The teachers provide experiences for your child to learn social and academic skills through play and active involvement with other children and adults.

Here is a sample of skills suitable for most children starting Kindergarten. Encourage your child to attempt these things but don't worry if your child can't do all of them.

## Language and Literacy

- Talks to other people about familiar objects and events
- Asks and answers simple questions
- Makes needs known
- Follows simple instructions
- Uses books for enjoyment or for looking at pictures
- Uses a variety of things to draw, such as pens, pencils, paint brushes and textas

## Numeracy

- Recognises that numbers can be used to count
- Uses words like 'all, many, a lot, more and less'
- Identifies things in a group that are different
- Sees differences in shapes
- Differentiates between opposites, such as up and down, under and over



## Personal and Social Skills

- Uses the toilet independently
- Can say own name and address
- Adapts to unfamiliar settings and new experiences
- Can finish a task and tidies up afterwards
- Plays cooperatively with other children-shares and takes turns
- Can sit still to listen to a story
- Is curious about the world
- Participates in imaginative play
- Joins in singing and dancing to familiar songs

## Physical Skills

- Uses scissors to cut along a line
- Enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor play
- Can put on and take off own clothing
- Ties own shoe laces



# What parents can do to help their child prepare for school

- Visit your school with your child.
- Be positive about school and learning.
- Talk with your child about going to school.
- Use your local library.
- Read to your child - talk about what may happen next in a story.
- Share many different experiences.
- Support your child in your home language while learning English.
- Read to your child in your home language.
- Provide a variety of play materials, such as water, sand, paper, pens, paint and balls.

## Kindergarten Transition

Our school has a Transition To Big School program in place called Kindergarten Transition. Parents need to enrol their child at the school office during Term 3 for inclusion in the program. Kindergarten Transition is a valuable learning experience for children's readiness for school. We encourage all children to attend.



## Schooling Costs

There are some costs associated with going to school that you may find it helpful to plan and budget for such as:

- uniforms
- school books and equipment
- excursions
- extra-curricular activities.

# Classes

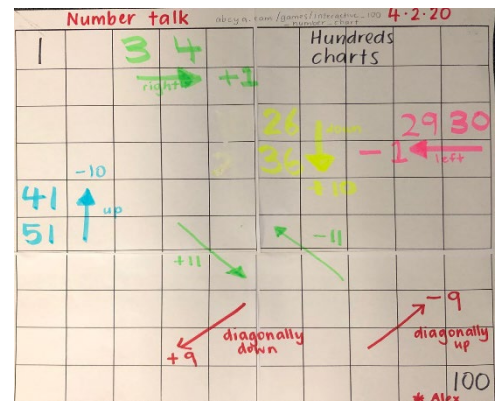
Fairfield West Public School is committed to ensuring high quality educational outcomes for all students in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Individual learning needs of all students in every classroom are catered for via the delivery of differentiated curriculum.

Through Local Schools Local Decisions, the principal further supports the educational needs of students by forming smaller class sizes and employing additional specialised teachers in the classroom.

School Learning Support Officers, SLSOs are also employed to maximise the opportunity for learning.

Students are able to participate in a number of extra-curricular and specialised groups and clubs to further enhance their whole school experience.



## Support Unit Classes

The school now has 7 specialist Support classes. They include 1 IO class, 1 IM class 2 Autism classes and three IO and Autism classes. All classes provide students with specialised support that caters for individual needs. Teachers are trained to identify and meet the needs of specific students through the development and implementation of individualised programs. They are assisted by full time SLSOs who undertake ongoing training to best support student needs in the classroom.



## Composite Classes

Every year the school forms composite classes. At the beginning of the school year, many parents will find their child in a composite class. Naturally, questions arise: for the older group: Will my child be held back? For the younger group - Will my child be able to keep up? The key to understanding composites is realising that growth is determined by stages and not by ages. Even within the same class, students will be at different levels. Teachers recognise this and will extend the work of those who learn more quickly and give more attention to those who require greater assistance.

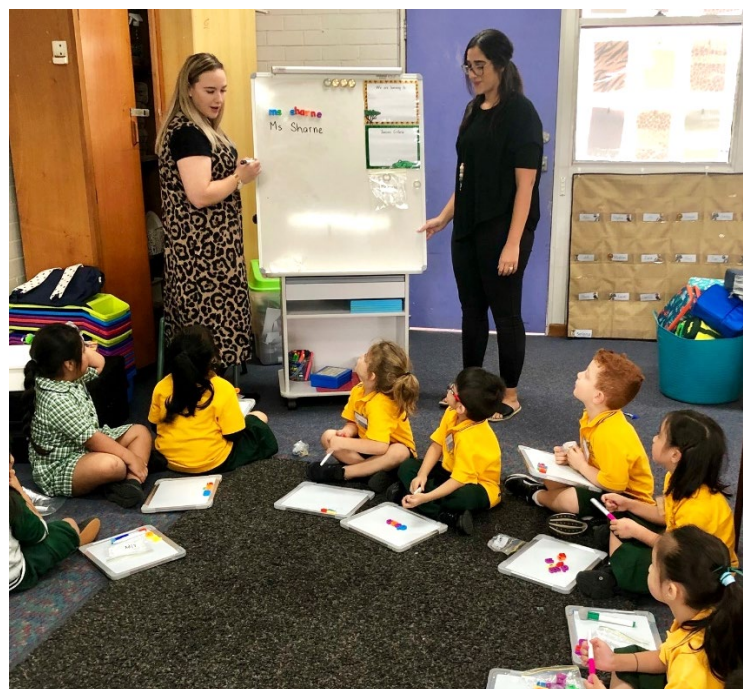


## Job Sharing

We also have staff job sharing some programs and classes. Job sharing is an arrangement in which two or more people share one full-time job. The two teachers work together to perform the full range of tasks within a single position. There is no division of duties and instead the two teachers are interchangeable, with either member of the team able to pick up where the other left off. This arrangement requires the highest level of communication and coordination and is implemented carefully so as not to disrupt our students. We match teachers very well, and we put in place strategies so that teachers work, communicate and manage to the best of their abilities.

## Team Teaching

Staff also participate in team teaching. This occurs with mainstream and support staff teachers or teacher mentors. Team teaching benefits students in that there are two experts to learn from; one teacher may teach the whole class or larger group, while the other may assist individual students; and the teachers work well with each other, sharing expertise and reflecting on their teaching practices.



# Library

Students in all classes visit the school library once a week. During this time, students are engaged in literacy based activities and are given the opportunity to borrow one of the many quality texts available.

A library bag must be used when borrowing books from the library.

Students also have the opportunity to visit the library at lunchtime to read and relax.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Each year all students in Kindergarten to year 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. To complete the challenge, students are required to read, or be read, a set number of books over a 12 month period, beginning in March each year. Students completing the challenge receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW in term Four.





# Made Fresh Canteen Menu

SANDWICHES (White or Wholemeal Bread)	
☑ Vegemite	\$1.50
☑ Jam or honey	\$1.50
☑ Cheese	\$2.00
☑ Lean ham	\$2.50
☑ Cheese & tomato	\$3.00
☑ Lean ham & cheese	\$3.50
☑ Lean ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.00
☑ Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber)	\$4.00
☑ Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00
☑ Fresh chicken with cheese	\$4.50
☑ Fresh chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
☑ Fresh chicken & salad	\$4.50
☑ Lean ham & salad	\$4.50

WRAPS - ROLLS (FOCACCIA extra \$1.00)	
☑ Cheese & tomato	\$3.50
☑ Lean ham & cheese	\$4.00
☑ Lean ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.50
☑ Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber)	\$4.50
☑ Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
☑ Fresh chicken with cheese	\$5.00
☑ Fresh chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$5.00

SALADS (All Salads served in 12oz Dome)	
☑ Garden salad	\$4.00
☑ Tuna salad	\$4.50
☑ Cheese salad	\$4.50
☑ Lean ham salad	\$4.50
☑ Fresh chicken breast salad	\$5.00
☑ Fresh chicken breast pasta salad	\$5.00
☑ Caesar salad	\$5.00
☑ Fresh chicken avocado salad	\$5.00
☑ Greek salad	\$5.00
☑ Fresh chicken Caesar salad	\$5.00

SUSHI sold at counter	
☑ Teriyaki chicken with cucumber	\$4.50
☑ Salmon with cucumber	\$4.50
☑ Veggie Tofu, carrot, cucumber (vegan)	\$4.50
☑ Tuna with cucumber	\$4.50

SNACKS & FROZEN TREATS	
☑ Plain or frozen 99% juice small cup	50c
☑ Plain or frozen 99% juice-jelly small cup	50c
☑ Custard small cup	50c
☑ Plain or frozen 99% juice cup	\$1.00
☑ Plain or frozen 99% juice-jelly cup	\$1.00
☑ Frozen diced pineapple cup	\$1.00
☑ Frozen plain milk cup	\$1.00
☑ Frozen 99% quelch fruit juice sticks	\$1.00
☑ Bread sticks x 4	\$1.00
☑ Custard cup	\$1.00
☑ Chocolate custard cup	\$1.50
☑ Frozen orange wedges	\$1.50
☑ Frozen mandarin wedges	\$1.50
☑ Frozen lite milk cup (chocolate, banana, strawberry)	\$1.50
☑ Frozen 99% nippy's juice cup	\$1.50
☑ Sour snap sticks	\$1.50
☑ Frozen grapes cup	\$2.00
☑ Frozen watermelon cup	\$2.00
☑ Ice many freeze pops	\$2.00

BREAKFAST-RECESS & LUNCH sold at counter	
☑ Plain milk cup	\$1.00
☑ Diced pineapple cup	\$1.00
☑ Vegemite or jam or honey toast	\$1.50
☑ Hot chocolate cup	\$1.50
☑ Lite banana milk cup	\$1.50
☑ Lite chocolate milk cup	\$1.50
☑ Lite strawberry milk cup	\$1.50
☑ Fresh cut veggie cup	\$2.00
☑ Fresh grapes cup (seasonal)	\$2.00
☑ Fresh cut watermelon cup	\$2.00
☑ Toasted cheese sub	\$1.50
☑ Toasted cheese & lean ham sub	\$2.00
☑ Fresh diced fruit cup	\$2.00
☑ Tabouleh cup	\$2.00
☑ Corn flakes bowl	\$2.50
☑ Pancakes x2 with honey	\$2.50
☑ Yoghurt (low fat)	\$2.00
☑ Yoghurt & fruit cup	\$2.50
☑ Yoghurt & muesli cup	\$2.50

FRESH FRUIT	
☑ Orange, apple or mandarin	\$1.00
☑ Banana	\$1.50
☑ Orange, apple or mandarin wedges in a cup	\$1.50
☑ Watermelon pieces in a bowl (12oz)	\$3.50
☑ Seasonal fresh fruit salad bowl (12oz)	\$4.00

MILK - JUICES - DRINKS	
☑ Water 400ml	\$1.50
☑ Water 600ml	\$2.00
☑ Milk 300ml (plain)	\$2.50
☑ Popper 99% juice 250ml	\$2.50
☑ Light milk 300ml	\$3.00
☑ UP & GO 250ml	\$3.00

## Everyday Occasional

Gluten Free Bread or Tortilla	extra \$1.00
Gluten Free Focaccia	extra \$1.00
Upsize Salad, Fruit Salad to 20OZ	extra \$1.50

### Extra fillings

Shredded or Sliced Cheese	extra \$1.00
Avocado	extra 50c
Beetroot	extra 50c
Sauce or Cutlery	each 30c

All our meat products are Halal certified  
(excluding pork based products)

HOT FOOD	
☑ Corn cob	\$1.00
☑ Garlic bread	\$1.00
☑ Garlic & cheese bread	\$1.50
☑ Fresh chicken wings x1	\$1.50
☑ Cheese pizza (served on roll)	\$2.50
☑ Mexican quesadilla	\$3.00
☑ Stuffed vine leaves with rice x5	\$3.00
☑ Beef meatball sub with napolitana sauce/cheese	\$4.50
☑ Chicken meatball sub with napolitana sauce/cheese	\$4.50
☑ Plain grilled chicken souvlaki on a roll	\$4.50
☑ Plain grilled chicken souvlaki wrap	\$4.50
☑ Homemade pizza with cheese	\$5.00
☑ Homemade pizza with lean ham & cheese	\$5.50
☑ Homemade hawaiian pizza	\$5.50
☑ Beef lasagne (non halal)	\$5.50
☑ Vegetarian lasagne	\$5.50
☑ Cheeseburger	\$5.50
☑ Aussie lean beef burger lettuce/tomato	\$5.50
☑ Chicken breast fillet burger lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
☑ Tuna pattie burger	\$5.50

HOMEMADE MENU	
Australian, European, Asian & Mexican Meals	
☑ AVAILABLE Pasta bolognese	\$4.50
☑ → Mac & cheese	\$4.50
☑ → Chicken napolitana pasta	\$4.50
☑ → Pasta with beef meatballs	\$4.50
☑ EVERY DAY Pasta with chicken meatball:	\$4.50
☑ Monday Veggie fried rice	\$4.50
☑ Tuesday Mexican chicken burrito skillet & rice	\$4.50
☑ Wednesday Teriyaki chicken stir fry & steamed rice	\$4.50
☑ Thursday Thai red curry chicken, vegetables & rice	\$4.50
☑ Friday Chicken hokkien noodles	\$4.50
Gluten Free options available extra \$1.00	

DAZZLING MEAL DEALS...	
If you buy a meal combo you would save up to \$1.00	
☑ E PACK 1 CHEESE SANDWICH	\$3.50
☑ E PACK 2 SALAD SANDWICH	\$5.50
☑ E PACK 3 MEATBALL SUB	\$6.00
☑ E PACK 4 PASTA BOLOGNAISE	\$6.00
☑ E PACK 5 CHICKEN & CHEESE ROLL	\$6.50
☑ E PACK 6 LASAGNE (beef or vegetarian)	\$7.00

VEGGIE & OTHER SNACK PACKS	
☑ Veggie cup with hummus	\$2.50
☑ Veggie dome (carrots, celery, corn, tomatoes, bread sticks)	\$4.00
☑ Veggie dome with cheese cubes & bread sticks	\$4.50
☑ Veggie dome with fresh chicken Breast & Bread Sticks	\$5.00

CRUNCH N SIP PACKS	
☑ Fresh piece of fruit & water 400ml	\$2.00
☑ Fresh orange/apple wedges & water 400ml	\$2.50
☑ Fresh cut veggie cup & water 400ml	\$2.50
☑ Fresh diced fruit cup & water 400ml	\$3.00



OCCASIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE EACH DAY	
HOT FOOD - SNACKS & DRINKS	
☑ Hash brown	\$1.30
☑ Chicken & corn roll	\$1.50
☑ Potato wedges bag	\$2.50
☑ Nachos with salsa & cheese	\$3.50
☑ Noodles cup	\$3.50
☑ Chicken nuggets x5	\$3.50
☑ Chicken or beef hot dog (one free sauce)	\$3.80
☑ Sausage roll (one free sauce)	\$4.50
☑ Meat pie (one free sauce)	\$5.00
☑ Pizza wrap (tomato & olives, bbq chicken)	\$5.50
☑ Crumbed Chicken Burger with lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
☑ Fillet-O-Fish burger with lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
☑ Homemade cookies x1 (freshly made daily)	50c
☑ Gummy bear x3	\$1.00
☑ Popcorn	\$1.00
☑ Jelly cup	\$1.00
☑ Monster noodle snacks ( chicken or bbq)	\$1.30
☑ Jelly & custard cup	\$1.50
☑ Homemade fresh muffins (freshly made daily)	\$1.50
☑ Rice sticks cheese	\$2.00
☑ Vanilla ice cream cup	\$2.00
☑ Grain waves 22g	\$2.50
☑ Red rock deli chips 28g	\$2.50



OUR FOOD IS MADE IN THE CANTEN DAILY FROM FRESH INGREDIENTS

# Healthy Eating

Students are required to bring recess and lunch every day. Recess should consist of a snack and a piece of fruit. Lunch may include a drink and sandwich, or other small meal. Their lunch needs to be in a container that is easy to open.

Healthy lunch ideas may be found <https://www.kidspot.com.au/school/stuff-for-school/getting-organised/back-to-school-101-packing-the-school-lunch-box/news-story/62accc70c8b16a500805bee2e247dca2>

Please ensure the food they bring is healthy. **Always include a bottle of water.** Drink bottles and lunch boxes need to be labelled with your child's name.

Students are also required to bring a piece of fruit for vegetable for our break time - **'Crunch and Sip'**.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every morning of the school week from 8.30am – 8.55am. We offer a friendly and welcoming environment, where students can have a range of cereals, cheese toasties and pancakes, free of charge.



<b>Mon-Fri</b>	A variety of cereals
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pancakes
<b>Friday</b>	Cheese toasties





## The Front Office

The Front Office consists of our Administration Office, the Principal's Office, the two Deputy Principals' Offices.

All visitors to the school are asked to report to the office in order to sign in and be given a 'Visitor' badge to wear.



## Money Collection

All payments for school excursions or sporting activities are processed through the Front Office. A money collection slot is located at the outer door of the front office. All money needs to be placed in an envelope and clearly marked with your child's name and class, as well as what the payment is for. Eftpos is also an option. Receipts will be issued to students via the class teacher.



**It is absolutely essential that we are able to contact you at any time. Please ensure the office has an up-to-date contact number for you at all times. Please list the contact details for an emergency contact person. Ensure that this person is aware that the school may contact them.**

# Health Care Plans

All staff at Fairfield West Public School undertake First Aid, Emergency Resuscitation and Anaphylaxis Training every year. Our students' health and wellbeing is of primary importance to us. Each student, who has a medically recognised illness, condition or allergy has an Individual Health Care Card. This card is attached to each of the playground folders and a copy is given to the class teacher to be kept in the classroom. The Health Care Card outlines the student's condition, symptoms and signs to look out for and lists what to do in the case of an emergency.

It is vital that the school is kept informed of any medical concerns or changes to conditions or medications as quickly as possible so that we may properly care for our students.

## Medications

Some of our students suffer from an allergy or require specific medications. The Front Office stores these medications in a safe environment where they may be accessed as necessary. Parents are asked to provide the office with a doctor's note outlining the medications and dosage their child requires. **Students cannot self-administer medicines.** It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that medications are replenished as necessary.



## Accidents and Illnesses

Minor accidents and illnesses inevitably happen at school. Our school Administrative Officers are well trained on how to deal with such events. In the event of an accident or illness, the following procedures take place:

- For minor illness or injury, first aid will be administered as necessary at the sick bay and the student then returns to class with an explanatory note for parents.
- If an illness or injury is more serious, parents will be notified that further treatment is required and parents will be contacted with a request to take the student home.
- In cases of serious illness or injury, an ambulance will be called and parents will be notified immediately.

# Attendance & Absences

One of the Premier's priorities for 2020 is to 'bump up education results' for children. In order to do this, your child needs to be at school every day.

Attendance is recorded each day. **If your child is late to school**, you must visit the Front Office in order to have the partial absence recorded. A late note will be issued to give to the classroom teacher.

**If you need to pick your child up from school before 3pm**, you must visit the Front Office in order to request an early leaver's note. Your child will then be called to meet you in the office.

As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays);
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday;
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral);
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to your child's Classroom Teacher as first point of contact.

If it is necessary for your child to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the Administration Assistant at our school, or explain the reason by phone, email, or written note as soon as possible, or within seven days. Alternatively, absences can be logged via the Skool bag App.

Students who have not been collected from their classroom by 3:10pm will be taken up to the Front Office. Parents will be called to collect their child. **If you know you will be late picking your child up for any reason, please contact the school on 9604 5568.**



He/She is only missing just...	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
½ an hour per day	½ a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
¾ an hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years

## Communication

Every fortnight the newsletter can be viewed via the Skool Bag app or on the school's website. This has important messages from the Principal as well as the dates of important upcoming events. It is also an opportunity to see what learning is happening in classes.

<https://fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



## ICT

### Information, Communication and Technology

Fairfield West Public School provides students with technology skills and tools to support their learning as 21st Century learners.

Each stage has a set of 5 iPads to use in classes. These iPads are used to incorporate technology into planned lessons, across different areas of the curriculum.



### Coding and Robotics

We have class sets of Dot and Dash, Ozobots and Lego WeDo 2.0 robots that are regularly borrowed throughout the school. Classroom teachers provide students with an engaging approach to coding and robotics to help them develop fundamental skills of collaboration, problem-solving, and persistence through hands-on activities that enhance lessons in all subjects.



### Interactive Whiteboards

Each classroom at Fairfield West Public School features an Interactive Whiteboard. Teachers and students use these daily. Interactive Whiteboards are a fun, interesting and interactive way for students to be actively involved in their learning.

### Classroom Computers

Each classroom also has computers for independent and small group student tasks. We also have a set of portable laptops that teachers can borrow for their in-class teaching and learning programs.



## Languages

Fairfield West Public School offers a number of Community Languages, including Arabic, Assyrian and Vietnamese.

Students in Years 1- 6 take part in Language lessons for 120 minutes each week.

## Interpreting Services

At Fairfield West, we want every parent to feel like a part of the school. We offer Interpreter services in Arabic, Assyrian and Vietnamese.

Language Teachers attend parent meetings to translate for parents and caregivers who feel more comfortable in their native language.



## Scripture

Scripture lessons are offered once a week, for 40 minutes. At Fairfield West, we offer classes in three religions: Catholic, Protestant and Islam. Representatives from each religious group take students from each grade to complete religious studies.

Parents who do not wish their child to participate in Scripture lessons can choose to have their child remain in class for a Values Education lesson.

# Sport

## Fitness

Students at Fairfield West are encouraged to be fit and healthy. Teachers and students participate in Fitness activities, designed to get our hearts pumping and our adrenalin racing in order to keep our minds and bodies active for learning.

## K-2 Sport

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 participate in Sport each week. Students are taught different fundamental movement skills, such as running, throwing, kicking and catching. These games and activities support their social and skill development.



## Learn to Swim

At Fairfield West, we offer students in every grade the opportunity to participate in weekly swimming lessons with qualified swimming instructors. These lessons usually take place in Terms 2 and 3. These lessons are designed to teach swimming survival skills. The students are grouped according to their swimming ability and take part in lessons designed to build on and improve their swimming skills.

## PSSA

Fairfield West Public School offers students the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports as part of the Horsley Zone PSSA Sporting competition. Summer sports (Terms 1 & 4) such as Newcombe ball (girls), Cricket (boys), T-Ball (girls & boys), Softball (girls & boys), AFL (girls) and Touch (girls & boys) are available for the students to play.



In Winter (Terms 2 & 3), students can play Netball (girls), Basketball (girls & boys), Soccer (girls & boys), AFL (boys) or Rugby League (boys).

Students who make a PSSA team are required to attend training sessions during the week (at lunch time) and then participate in a game against another school on a Friday.

## Swimming and Tennis

Students who prefer non-competitive sports can choose to participate in Recreational Swimming or Tennis lessons. Students in Years 3-6 are given the opportunity to participate in Recreational Swimming and Tennis during sport time on a Friday.

Recreational Swimming is offered during the Summer season (Terms 1 & 4) and teachers supervise and participate with the students in the water.

Tennis lessons take place at a local tennis centre and students are given an hour lesson by qualified tennis instructors.



## School Sport

Students in years 3-6 who do not participate in PSSA, Dance Company, or attend Swimming or Tennis for sport on Friday are involved in school sport at school. Students are placed in House teams and compete against each other in a variety of sporting games and activities. House Points are tallied and accumulate over the term.

Summer Sport	Winter Sport
League Tag	Basketball
Newcombe ball	Rugby League
Cricket	Soccer
T- ball	Netball
Softball	AFL
Tennis and Swimming	Tennis

## Carnivals and House Groups

Fairfield West Public School students participate in three annual carnivals throughout the year. In term 1, students aged 8 and over may be able to participate in the School Swimming Carnival, provided they have passed the Aquatic Survival Challenge. This challenge is held at a local leisure centre the previous year, in order to see which students have the necessary swimming skills to be able to compete.

In term 2, the school holds its Cross Country Carnival, with students aged 8 and over competing. In term 2 or 3, we hold our annual K-6 Athletics Carnival with students competing in a number of sprint races, as well as Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and Discus.

In order to build whole school relationships and cooperation each student is a part of a House Group. These House Groups are known as Thorpe (blue), Freeman (red), Sauvage (green) and O'Neill (yellow). At the carnivals the students compete for two trophies, the Spirit Cup, for participation and team spirit; and the Overall Championship Trophy, awarded for place points. Also, depending on the success of the students at each of the carnivals, they may then earn higher representation at Zone, Region or even State level.



## Creative Arts Programs

Creative Arts	Music	Clubs and Groups
Dance Company	Junior / Senior Choir Teacher School Band Opportunity to perform	Environmental Group Gardening Club T2 & T3 Wellbeing Clubs (based on student preferences)
*Groups are subject to change each year.		

Fairfield West Public School offers a range of Creative Arts programs and clubs for students to choose from throughout the year. Students are offered the opportunity to engage in a range of performances at school, such as Showcase and International Day and in regional concerts.

All students are given a whole-class music lesson once a week for two terms by a music specialist through our music support program.

Students sing and play a wide range of musical instruments. This program has an emphasis on performance skills.





## Leadership / SRC

The Fairfield West Public School Student Representative Council (SRC) is formed at the beginning of each school year. Every class is represented by two students who are nominated and voted for by their peers. These representatives are sworn in at an official induction ceremony.

The SRC begin the year by identifying issues which directly impact students' time at school. They meet on a fortnightly basis to discuss and brainstorm ways of addressing them.

Furthermore, the SRC assist with school fundraising and awareness campaigns throughout the year.



### **SRC Song**

*I'm proudly part of  
the SRC*

*I'll do my best. Just  
watch and see.*

*I'll make this school  
a better place.*

## Public Speaking

During the year students may be involved in different Public Speaking competitions. Our school enters the Multicultural Public Speaking competition involving students in years 3-6.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 also participate in the Fairfield District Competition where they have the opportunity to compete against students from other schools within the district.

Throughout the year all students participate in talking and listening activities in class and are involved in class or grade public speaking competitions.

## Debating

Fairfield West enters two teams into the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. Students in years 5 and 6 are selected to participate this state-wide, round robin competition. The competition consists of students debating a range of topics and students compete against other schools in their zone.

# Specialised Programs

## Aboriginal Education

At Fairfield West Public School, we are proud of our Indigenous heritage and celebrate Aboriginal culture and history in a variety of ways, such as recognising important annual events including National Reconciliation and NAIDOC week. The whole school is involved in activities that focus on learning about Australia's history and Aboriginal cultures, customs and beliefs. We also ensure that appropriate Acknowledgements of Country protocols are met at the beginning of all formal gatherings, such as school assemblies.

The school also actively plans and sets aside funds linked to learning outcomes to develop effective Personalised Learning Plans for all Indigenous students.

## English As An Additional Language/Dialect - EALD

EALD support is given to classes throughout the school. EALD teachers can work with the classroom teacher or with small groups of students to develop and consolidate students' use of the English language.

## Learning and Support Teachers – LAST/ Interventionists

At Fairfield West PS we have Learning and Support Teachers (LASTs) who visit classrooms to assist students who are having difficulties with their learning. LASTs may support students in class, or withdraw them for more individualised learning. LASTs may also support the classroom teacher to cater for students with additional needs.

## New Arrivals Program

### **New Arrivals Program**

In 2020, at Fairfield West Public School, there are currently two New Arrivals Program (NAP) classes. These classes have been formed to provide intensive language support to students who have just arrived from overseas with minimal or no proficiency in the English language. One class is funded by the Department of Education whilst the other has been established by the school under the Local Schools Local Decisions initiative. Students engaged in this program are provided with opportunities to develop their English language skills.



# Links to High School

## Middle Schooling

Fairfield West Public School works closely with the nearby high schools, Westfields Sports High School, Fairvale High School and Fairfield High School, and runs an in-school transition to high school program called 'Middle Schooling' with Stage 3 students. Middle Schooling gives students the opportunity to experience learning as a high school student where classes run for 40 minute periods, once a week, during Term 4. Students learn to read a timetable, experience a variety of subjects taught by different teachers and move classes several times a day.

## High School Program

Fairfield West Public School liaises with teachers from Westfields Sports High and Fairvale High School to give students experiences in Science, English, Mathematics, Humanities and Sport classes at the high school. These classes help students to become accustomed to high school expectations.

An SLSO from Westfields Sports High also attends FWPS one day a week to work with groups of students, supporting Literacy and Numeracy skills and preparing our students for high school.

Year 6 students attending other high schools also have opportunities to attend orientation programs run by teachers at their nominated high school.

## Dance Company

Dance Company is a program offered at Fairfield West Public School for students who wish to participate in extra curricula studies of dance. Focusing on the creative arts syllabus and safe dance practices, students can engage in and learn various forms of dance. While participating in Dance Company students build their understanding of performing, composing, appreciating and can engage with the elements of dance.

Additionally, Dance Company provides students with an outlet to express themselves creatively and emotionally. Students who do not dance outside of school are offered opportunities to express themselves in a fun and safe environment. Students also have the opportunity to build different skill sets and the chance to experience what it is like to work cooperatively in a group setting and perform at a professional level such as Ultimo Dance Festival.



# Parents - How can you get involved in your child's education?

Helping out at school is a great way to get involved in your child's education and to get to know the school staff and other parents.

Research shows that children benefit when their parents are actively involved in their education and school life.

Keep an eye on the school newsletter for opportunities to help out at school and ask your child's teacher if you are interested in helping in the classroom. You will be required to complete a working with children check beforehand.

Here are just some of the ways you can help:

- listen to students read in the classroom
- volunteer on sports days
- attend the Community Hub

Please discuss with your child's teacher if you would like to be involved in the classroom.

## Strengthening Community Involvement

Fairfield West Public School encourages parents and caregivers to become involved in their child's education through celebrating special family events such as: Mother's Day and Father's Day, Storytime and the many annual Education Week celebrations.

## Fairfield West Community Hub

The Hub offers many services and courses for our families and gives parents an opportunity to form friendships.

These include Skills training, English and Health and Nutrition classes, information sessions on parenting and assistance with connecting to suitable government services.





